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Docket No. 1400-00

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1616
William J. ROBERTS)
Entitled: "BIOAVAILABLE PRODRUGS)
OF ANDROGENIC STEROIDS)
AND RELATED METHOD")
Serial No.: 09/872,705)
Filed: June 1, 2001)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 9, 2002
[December 7, 2002 = Saturday]

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
OF OFFICE ACTION NO. 1

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of August 7, 2002, Applicant hereby elects, *with traverse*, testosterone as the species of skeletal structures for examination.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 2, 8-10, 14, 22-28, 34-37, 41, and 49-61 read on the elected species. Further, claims 6, 13, 32, and 40 include positional isomers of testosterone. Applicant submits that the elected species and the subject matter of claims 6, 13, 32, and 40 are sufficiently related and overlapping that they would not require a separate search, and should be examined together under this election.

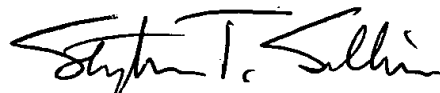
As acknowledge by the Examiner, claim 1 is generic, as is claim 26. Upon allowance of these and/or other generic claims, rejoinder in this application of claims covering non-elected species is respectfully requested.

Filed herewith are a Petition fee and a Petition for Extension of Time. If any additional extension fees are required, please charge the missing amount to our Deposit Account, 501324.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Dated: December 9, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen T. Sullivan".

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